

September 9-10, 2015  
RAC/RecRAC Meeting  
San Juan County Library (Monticello Branch)  
80 North Main  
Monticello, UT

**Sept. 9, 2015**

RAC members in attendance: Callee Butcher, Heidi Redd (Sept 9 only), Jim Allison, Steve Burr, Steve Slater, Bill Cox, Cimarron Chacon, Willie Grayeyes, Bill Hopkin, Dan McClendon, Chad Baker (by phone – Sept 10).

RAC members not in attendance: Brian Merrill, Porter Teegarden, Rick Ellis, John Harja

BLM employees in attendance: Lance Porter, Don Hoffheins, Don Simonis, Brian Quigley, Ashley Losey, Nate Thomas, Cory Roegner, Cindy Staszak, Larry Crutchfield, Sherry Foot, Kate Kitchell, Brent Northrup, Diana Barg, Rock Smith, Silas Sparks, Misti Haines, Casey Worth

Members of the public in attendance – (Listed on Public Register)

**Field Tour Briefing – Alkali Ridge Don Hoffheins, Monticello FO Manager**  
Blanding, UT

Tour consisted of: Reviewing archaeological sites; discussions on the Tread Lightly! Anti-looting campaign; the transportation system in relation to the Richfield decision on transportation management plans in Utah; and, oil and gas leasing.

Talking points – McCracken/Yates Oil and Gas Development Area  
North Montezuma Creek Drainage Area: 400 wells drilled, 100 Federal active wells, 230 Fed Wells P&A, 1974 to 2011  
San Juan MLP Area: 740 wells drilled, 123 Federal active wells, 500 Fed P&A, 1957 to 2011  
McCracken Spring 2-31: Drilled in 1987; 260,344 bbl oil; 1,184,245 mcf natural gas; 11 bbl water

Talking points – Deadman Cultural Site  
Who: Ancestral Puebloan/Anasazi  
What: habitation vs cliff dwellings  
When: A.D. 1250s to 1270  
Surrounding villages, many late P III

Burned structures  
Corn (remnants of burned, hardened corn)  
Looting over the past 10 years  
Erosion  
People collecting because they can sell the remnants for money; add to their personal collections; and for the thrill of finding treasures  
Site Steward Program: In effect for the past 15 years; 20-30 stewards; 50 sites monitored.  
Increased funding this year to double the program to 60 stewards and 100 sites monitored.  
Next training is Oct. 19, 15 new people.

Illegal Roads: wood cutting; nobody wants to walk in/out; poaching; pot hunting (Moki poaching); recreation; legal hunting

Talking points – Archaeological site (Brew Site)  
Handout was given (available upon request).

**Archaeology and Paleontology Anti-Looting and Vandalism Public Outreach Campaign**

**Ashley Losey, Archaeologist,USO**

This session described how and why BLM-Utah has partnered with Tread Lightly!, a national non-profit organization whose mission is to promote responsible outdoor ethics, to develop a statewide public outreach campaign that will aim to eliminate the looting and vandalism of archaeological and paleontological resources on Utah's public lands. (Handout provided upon request)

Recommendations to Ashley:

Travelling trailer at events – focus on youth

TreadLightly! trailer

Collaborate with state and other federal agencies

Professional associations

Use of social media

Have RAC look at strategy/marketing plan

Establish a RAC subgroup: Subcommittee appointed to provide TreadLightly! Anti-looting campaign.

Jim Allison, Cimarron Chacon, Callee Butcher, and Steve Slater

**Statewide Programmatic Agreement for Travel Management Planning**

**Nate Thomas,  
Archaeologist, USO**

This session described how BLM-Utah is currently collaborating with a wide range of cultural resource stakeholders to develop a programmatic agreement that will outline how the BLM will complete the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process for travel management planning efforts. (Info sharing)

**Moab Master Leasing Plan**

**Lance Porter, District Manager  
Canyon Country District/Brent  
Northrup, Nonrenewable Res. Advisor,**

Update on the Moab Master Leasing Plan and Draft Resource Management Plan Amendments/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Moab and Monticello Field Offices. Reviewed the MLP process and the next steps.

Open Houses: 9/23 – Moab; 9/24 – Monticello; 10/6 – Salt Lake City

90-day public comment period closes 11/23.

Executive Summary made available upon request.

Consider interpretation of multi-use to recreators (Kate comment)

4:00 – 4:30

**GSENM Grazing EIS Updates**

**Cindy Staszak, GSENM Manager**

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is amending its Monument Management Plan in order to integrate livestock grazing and rangeland management with the management of other resources. This briefing provided an overview of work completed to date and the next steps in the process.

Powerpoint presentation handout – made available upon request

DOIs term for adaptive management (is there a handbook?) Asked by Cimarron, answered by Kate, Yes DOI or BLM will provide. (Cindy S. provided link and additional information to RAC.)

**Sept. 10, 2015**

**Fee Presentations**

**Cory Roegner, SO Recreation Lead**  
**Casey Worth, ORP, Monticello**  
**Andrea Brand, Grand County**

**BLM-Monticello Field Office Campgrounds Fee Proposal:** The Monticello Field Office proposes to increase camping fees at seven developed recreation sites in San Juan County, Utah. Fee rates have remained the same since 2005, yet operational costs have continued to rise.

**Motion:** To approve fees Sand Island Campground Fees, Hamburger Rock, Sand Island Group Site as presented. Steve Slater, seconded. Fees approved

**Motion:** To approve Creek Pasture Group Site, Indian Creek Falls Group Site as presented. Seconded – Bill Cox. - Fees approved – one opposed (Cimarron Chacon)

Prior to this motion being nominated and approved the RAC discussed considering weekly reduced fees.

**Motion:** Creek Pasture Campground and Superbowl Campground fees to \$5 (BLM had recommended \$10). Bill Hopkin, seconded – Fees approved

Get Community/partner involvement and outreach information, specific costs broken down by location, including cost of non-camp ground facilities that are being supported by campgrounds ( ie pit toilets) and usage data.

Engage climbing organizations (one-on-one). BLM would commit to report to RAC with data and creative solutions to offset costs. Consider free stay in lieu of volunteer service.

**Sand Flats Recreation Area Fee Proposal:** The Sand Flats Recreation Area is managed under a cooperative agreement between Grand County and the BLM. Together, Grand County and the BLM propose to increase recreation fees at the Sand Flats Recreation Area. Fee rates have remained the same since 2009, yet the cost of providing services has steadily increased.

**Motion:** Steve Burr recommended to approve fee proposal. Steve Slater seconded. **Recommendation:** Fees approved.

**Forest Service Fee Presentation**

**Joanna Wilson, Intermountain Regional Office**

**Dustin Bambrough, Ashley National Forest**

**Ashley NF** proposal to increase Christmas tree permit fees from \$10 to \$15 per tag. Each year the Ashley NF sells approximately 2500 Christmas tree permits.

**Motion:** Steve Burr made motion to approve. Bill Hopkin seconded. Recommendation: Fee approved.

**Public Comments**

No public comments

**Jim Allison , RAC Chairman**

**Fee Approvals**

(See discussion/approvals under each presentation above)

**Steve Burr, Cory Roegner**

**Wrap Up**

Schedule next meeting date, location, topics

**Jim Allison, Sherry Foot**

**Future topics:** New research on wild horses in Utah; sage grouse updates; provide RAC with more information/reports with regard to fee proposals (disseminating more info). Fee proposal updates from the past.

Propose meeting in January 2016.

Steve Slater made motion to adjourn.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
RAC Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

